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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND  
SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 19, 2002, Applicant elects, without traverse, Species I which includes claim 1. Applicant respectfully cancels remaining claims 2-3 (Species II-III) without prejudice, and reserves the right to reintroduce them in a divisional application at a later date.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

4. (New) An integrated circuit comprising:  
*a first, a second, a third, and a fourth surface structure, each having a top surface;*  
*an inner plug located in between the first and second surface structures and beneath the top surface of each of the first and second surface structures;*  
*a first outer plug having an upper portion covered the top surface of each of the first and third surface structures, and a second outer plug having an upper portion covered the top surface of each of the second and four surface structures;*  
*an inner electrical contact connected to the inner plug;*  
*a first spacer for separating the inner plug and the inner electrical contact from the first outer plug, and a second spacer for separating the inner plug and the inner electrical contact from the second outer plug; and*  
*an isolation for covering the inner electrical contact.*

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